

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**ASPEN SPECIALTY INSURANCE  
COMPANY,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**HOSPITALITY SUPPORTIVE  
SYSTEMS, LLC,  
EDWARD E. SNOW,  
THE CARMAN CORPORATION,  
SELECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT,  
LLC, SELECTIVE LAW GROUP, LLC,  
JOHN W. CONNELLY, JR., CHARLES  
M. O'DONNELL, ESQ., McGRIFF  
SIEBELS & WILLIAMS, INC.,  
INSERVCO INSURANCE SERVICES,  
INC., TRIGEN INSURANCE  
SOLUTIONS, INC.,  
TRIGEN HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC.,  
PATRIOT UNDERWRITERS, INC.,  
PATRIOT NATIONAL, INC.,  
ABC CORPORATIONS 1-25,  
CHICKIE'S AND PETE'S, INC.,  
4010, INC.,  
PACKER CAFÉ, INC., trading as  
"CHICKIE'S & PETE'S,"  
4010, LLC  
POQUESSING MANAGEMENT, LLC  
POQUESSING PROFESSIONAL  
BUILDING, LLC,  
CPC INTERNATIONAL, LLC, trading as  
" PHILADELPHIA'S FAMOUS C&P,"  
WRIGHT FOOD SERVICES, LLC,  
CPC BUCKS, LLC,  
AUDUBON CPC, LLC,  
WARRINGTON CPC, LLC  
DREXEL HILL CPC, LLC,  
VENUE FOOD SERVICES, LLC  
CRABCO PA GP LLC,  
130 CRABCO REALTY NJ, LLC,  
130 CRABCO NJ, LLC, trading as "  
CHICKIE'S AND PETE'S,"  
EHT CRABCO NJ, LLC, trading as  
"CHICKIE'S AND PETE'S,"  
WW-CPC, LLC,  
OC-CPC, LLC,**

**CIVIL ACTION**

**NO. 16-1133**

**AC-CPC,LLC  
CRABCO ENTERPRISES, LLC  
CPC PROPERTIES, INC.,  
CRABCO ENTERPRISES PA LP,  
PALMER SOCIAL CLUB, INC., and  
RAVEL HOTEL, LLC, trading as  
“PENTHOUSE 808”**

**Defendants.**

**HOSPITALITY SUPPORTIVE  
SYSTEMS, LLC,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**ASPEN SPECIALTY INSURANCE  
COMPANY,**

**Defendant.**

**BALIS FAMILY RESTAURANT CORP.,  
and  
ADELPHIA DEPTFORD, INC.,  
collectively trading as “ADELPHIA  
RESTAURANT,”**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**HOSPITALITY SUPPORTIVE  
SYSTEMS, LLC,  
EDWARD SNOW,  
JOHN W. CONNELLY, JR.,  
SELECTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT,  
LLC, SELECTIVE LAW GROUP, LLC,  
CHARLES M. O’DONNELL,  
ANTHONY DiENNO,  
ASPEN SPECIALTY INSURANCE  
COMPANY, and  
AMTRUST INTERNATIONAL  
UNDERWRITERS, LTD.,**

**Defendants.**

**HOSPITALITY SUPPORTIVE  
SYSTEMS, LLC, SELECTIVE RISK  
MANAGEMENT LLC, EDWARD SNOW,  
CHARLES M. O’DONNELL, JOHN  
CONNELLY and ANTHONY DiENNO.**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**CIVIL ACTION**

**NO. 18-3777**

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**AIG SPECIALTY INSURANCE  
COMPANY, HUB INTERNATIONAL  
MIDWEST LIMITED and MARSH &  
McLENNAN COMPANIES, INC.,  
Defendants.**

**ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this 30th day of November, 2020, upon consideration of the letters from counsel for the parties in the above-captioned cases (Civil Action No. 16-1133, Document Nos. 251 and 252, dated October 29, 2020, and Document No. 253, dated October 30, 2020), whereby the parties consent to the appointment of the Honorable Thomas J. Rueter, United States Magistrate Judge (Ret.), now a neutral with dispute resolution provider JAMS, as Special Master to serve as settlement mediator and discovery master to address the question of settlement, discovery issues and all related issues in the above-captioned cases by reason of Judge Rueter's extensive experience in handling such issues in the above-captioned cases as a magistrate judge, **IT IS ORDERED** that the **HONORABLE THOMAS J. RUETER, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE (RET.)**, is **APPOINTED** as **SPECIAL MASTER** under the following terms:

1. In performing his duties, the Special Master shall proceed with all reasonable diligence to serve as a settlement mediator and discovery master to oversee and supervise all settlement discussions and discovery in the above-captioned cases.
2. The Special Master shall have all authority under Rule 53(c), including the authority to require the submission of reports, call conferences, and hold hearings in order to determine the status of issues relating to discovery. The Special Master shall hear, resolve and make rulings on all disputes regarding discovery and, when appropriate, enter orders setting forth his rulings.
3. The Special Master may communicate *ex parte* with any party or the Court.

4. The Special Master shall, until the conclusion of this matter, maintain files consisting of: (a) all billing records; (b) all documents received from the parties; and (c) any written orders, findings, or recommendations. The Special Master shall email any orders he issues to the parties and any such order shall also be filed with the Court via Electronic Case Filing (ECF). To assist the Special Master with the preparation and filing of any discovery-related orders and Reports and Recommendations, the Special Master is authorized to seek the assistance of Deputy Clerk, Deborah Owens or her successor or designee.

5. The Special Master shall provide periodic reports to the Court covering the status of settlement negotiations and discovery disputes.

6. The Special Master shall be compensated for his services at his established rate of \$750.00 per hour, and for all costs related to his duties as a Special Master. JAMS, on behalf of the Special Master, shall submit detailed monthly bills for all fees and expenses directly to counsel for the parties who shall take responsibility for prompt payment by their respective clients. Scheduling shall be arranged with JAMS case administrator, Alyssa DeTreux. Counsel for each party shall provide Ms. DeTreux with their email addresses and phone numbers by sending them to [adetreux@jamsadr.com](mailto:adetreux@jamsadr.com).

7. As agreed to by the parties, the fees and expenses incurred by the Special Master shall be shared equally among the parties, with the HSS Defendants (HSS, SRM, SLG, Carman Corporation, Snow, Connelly, O'Donnell and Diienno) to be considered one party for allocation purposes. Furthermore, as agreed by the parties, Palmer Social Club, an intervenor in the above cases, shall contribute to the payment of fees and expenses for only two mediation sessions, and the allocation of fees and expenses will be adjusted accordingly.

8. The Court's previous Orders staying discovery in this matter shall remain in effect until further order of the Court or Special Master.

9. In accordance with Rule 53(b)(3), the Special Master has filed an affidavit disclosing that there is no ground for disqualification under 28 U.S.C. § 455.

**BY THE COURT:**

**/s/ Hon. Jan E. DuBois**

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**DuBOIS, JAN E., J.**